



**Patricia Lashway, Assistant Secretary**  
*Washington State Department of Social & Health Services*  
**Services and Enterprise Support**



## **Meet Patricia Lashway**

Patricia Lashway has served in a variety of positions with the Department of Social and Health Services, beginning in 1988 in the Aging and Disability Services Administration. She came to state service from legal services and has spent her career, including overseas duty as a Peace Corps volunteer, working for expanded supports and services for low-income and vulnerable people of all ages and walks of life. Patricia is a lifelong student of government and served as the DSHS Senior Director of Government Relations until being appointed to her current post in February 2013.

As Assistant Secretary for the Services and Enterprise Support Administration, Patricia has responsibility for management of daily operations across the Department. She leads the Communications, Diversity and Inclusion, Fraud and Accountability, Human Resources, Indian Policy, Information Systems Services, and Policy and External Relations, and Research and Data Analysis programs.

Patricia was with the Aging and Disability Services Administration for almost nine years as the Director of Residential Care Services. During that time, the program for which she was the chief licensing and regulatory officer grew to 3,000 facilities, including nursing homes, adult family homes, boarding homes and community supported living services involving 55,000 residents each day. Her team was responsible for development of a nationally recognized statewide complaint resolution and investigation unit, serving all long-term care consumers and their families.

Patricia received a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon, a juris doctorate from Seattle University and is a member of the Washington State Bar Association.